

Please amend the application filed on even date herewith prior to proceeding with its examination.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-18, inclusive, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 6, 12, and 13, as follows:

6. (Amended) An applicator, including:

a frame assembly adapted to be attached to or drawn by a vehicle such as a tractor;

a support shaft secured to said frame assembly and depending therefrom in use;
a storage tank mounted on said frame assembly or adapted to be mounted on the vehicle;

a rotatable applicator head as defined by Claim 1 mounted on said shaft for rotation relative thereto, said shaft extending into or through said storage chamber in said applicator head and said shaft having a passage therethrough, said passage being in fluid communication with said storage chamber and said storage tank for supplying liquid to said storage chamber.

12. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, wherein the characteristics of the materials and the parameters of the moulding process, particularly the temperature and injecting pressure, are selected such that some of the thermoplastics material penetrates part-way into the porous material in the moulding step.

13. (Amended) A method according to claim 9, including cutting the rope with a hot blade to prevent fraying of the ends, and pressing the cut end into a V-shape.

Please add new claims 19-23, as follows:

--19. A method according to claim 10, wherein the characteristics of the materials and the parameters of the moulding process, particularly the temperature and injecting pressure, are selected such that some of the thermoplastics material penetrates part-way into the porous material in the moulding step.--

--20. A method according to claim 11, wherein the characteristics of the materials and the parameters of the moulding process, particularly the temperature and injecting pressure, are